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## DIGEST

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SB No. 361

Present law provides that the Orleans Parish Communication District's monthly service charges shall not exceed \$1.00 per exchange access line serving residential service users and \$2.00 per exchange access line serving commercial service users (not to exceed 100 lines per user).

Proposed law instead provides that the Orleans Parish Communication District's monthly service charges shall not exceed the following amounts:

- (1) \$2.00 per exchange access line serving residential service users (increased from \$1.00 as provided in present law).
- (2) \$3.00 per exchange access line serving commercial service users, not to exceed one 100 lines per user (increased from \$2.00 as provided in present law).
- (3) \$1.26 per month per wireless commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) connection.
- (4) \$2.00 per residential interconnected voice over internet protocol service as defined in CFR Title 47, Section 9.3.
- (5) \$3.00 per commercial interconnected voice over internet protocol service as defined in CFR Title 47, Section 9.3.

Proposed law requires that if service charges are levied on a flat fee schedule of fixed rates, the rates shall be uniform in certain classes of service.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law provides that any increase in charges authorized by proposed law is effective only after a favorable vote of a majority of electors residing within the district and voting at an election for such purpose.

(Amends R.S. 33:9106.2(B)(1), (C) and (D))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

#### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill.

1. Changes the dollar amount per exchange access line serving residential services users from \$1.89 to \$2.00.
2. Changes the dollar amount per exchange access line serving commercial services users from \$3.38 to \$3.00.
3. Provides for a \$2.00 per month per residential broadband connection.
4. Provides for a \$3.00 per month per commercial broadband connection.

#### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Makes increased charges effective after a local option election.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the reengrossed bill.

1. Changes the type of service to which certain proposed additional service charges apply from broadband service to voice over internet protocol service.